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YURIAS..!
YOU..!

PLEASE BE QUIET, ERMINIA...

!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SMOTHERING ME AND TELLING ME TO BE QUIET, YURIAS!

CEASE WITH THIS UNSETTLING JOKE!!

Shh

Shh

OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR ARE TEN LADY ATTENDANTS TAKING TURNS NOT SLEEPING, SO I BID YOU PLEASE LOWER YOUR VOICE.
I WAS SURE OUR HEADS WOULD ROLL THE MOMENT YOU YELLED... "WHO IS THERE!?"
AND SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COVER YOUR MOUTH.
OBVIOUSLY. JUST WHERE DID YOU COME IN FROM?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOOLISH OF ME NOT TO CRY OUT.
INDEED, YOU WOULD HAVE ENDANGERED YOUR LIFE, AS I DID BY WAKING A PRINCESS WHO SLEEPS WITH A DAGGER UNDER HER PILLOW.

ERMINIA... LISTEN.
YOU HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN HERE AND KEPT UNINFORMED, BUT
THE CARNIVAL HAS COME TO THE CITY OF PARO. THERE ARE FESTIVITIES TONIGHT.
WHAT MATTER IS THAT TO ME, YURIAS?
IF YOU—
IF YOU WILL SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO ME THAT YOU WILL RETURN HERE NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT... IF YOU WILL PROTECT THAT PROMISE—
THEN I CAN GO?
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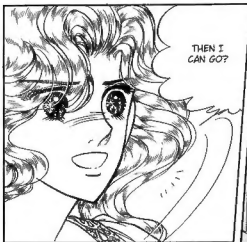
I UNDER-
STAND!

WHAT A
GOOD FELLOW
YOU ARE!

AT LAST,
YOU HAVE
BECOME
HUMAN!

...

YURIAS!

LADY PRINCESS!
I HEAR VOICES
IN THERE!

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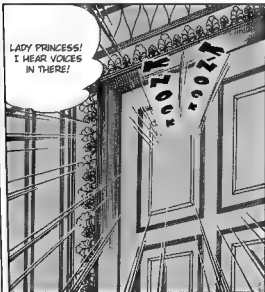
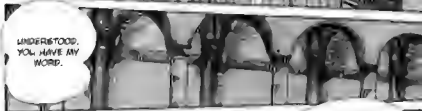

SILENCE!!
IF YOU COME IN,
I WILL KILL YOU!
shudder
OH, YURIAS.
HOW I LOVE YOU.
YOU ARE THE
BEST!
BUT WHY THE
CHANGE OF HEART?
YOU ARE THE ONE
ALWAYS TELLING ME
NOT TO BE RASH.

BE-
CAUSE
..

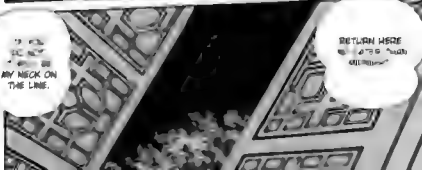
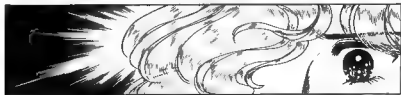
YES?

BECAUSE, ERMINIA... WHEN I SEE YOU .

YOU, WHO ONCE RODE FREELY UPON A HORSE ACROSS THE GRASSLANDS, CONFINED IN HERE WITH ME... IT IS AS POISON TO MY SOUL

...THANK YOU, YURIAS.

...IN RETURN, I ASK THREE THINGS OF YOU.

THREE?

YOU WILL NOT COME WITH ME, YURIAS?
I WILL REMAIN HERE IN YOUR PLACE,
UNTIL YOU RETURN...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? IF YOU BREAK A SINGLE PROMISE, MY LIFE WILL BE NO MORE.
IF YOU HAVE ANY DESIRE WHATSOEVER NOT TO SEE ME KILLED, THEN FOR TONIGHT ONLY I BEG THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORD TO ME.

YURIAS...
I CAN TRUST YOU, RIGHT?
...I swear on the soul of my deceased lady mother...
I will not allow any harm to befall you.

There are times when I mourn that I cannot love you as my husband...
Especially when you show such surpassing loyalty to me.

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I CANNOT CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN BORN EITHER A MAN OR A WOMAN,
BUT, YURIAS, I CAN SAY THAT I HAVE SEEN NONE BUT YOU AS A MAN.
I UNDERSTAND ...
YOU NEED SAY NO MORE, ERMINIA...
Then that is all...

ERMINIA, I HAVE BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOUR ESCAPE TO THE CARNIVAL.
A GIFT?
IT IS OUTSIDE THE WINDOW..
OUTSIDE THE WINDOW?

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YOUR PARTNER FOR THE EVENING. I COULD NOT VERY WELL HAVE YOU GO ALONE.
AFTER I ARRANGED THE NIGHT OFF FOR HER, SHE WAS ALL ALONE, TOO, SO...
Yurias! Amazing!
You are too amazing for words!
COME NOW, EXCHANGE CLOTHES WITH ME! THE NIGHT WILL GROW SHORT IF WE TARRY.
WAIT... JUST A MOMENT
FIONA, CATCH!

I WOULD FEEL BAD IF I MADE YOU GO TO A FESTIVAL DRESSED IN ANYTHING LESS.
Your Majesty Erminia...

DOES IT FLATTER ME, YURIAS?
Y- YES...
Oh, gods.. I can feel her warmth lingering on this night dress..
HOW NOW, FIONA! ARE YOU DRESSED?
Leap

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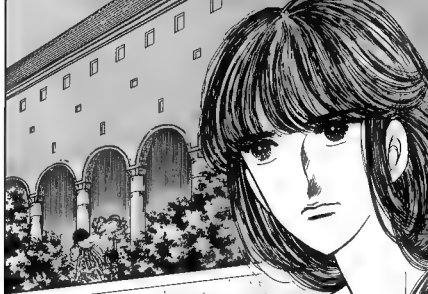
SHH! ERMINIA!!
Sorry...
Shy

I... I'M...
NOT WORTHY OF WEARING A DRESS AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS...
I'M SO VERY...
YOU'RE SO VERY...
BEAUTIFUL AND WORTHY, FIONA.
WITH NO FURTHER ADO, LET US AWAY TO THE CARNIVAL, PRINCESS FIONA!
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...

YOU WILL FIND HORSES WAITING AT THE NORTHERN GATE.
THE GATEKEEPER WILL AID YOU, BUT USE A MAN'S NAME ONCE YOU ARE OUTSIDE.
GOT IT!
I SHALL BRING A SOUVENIR BACK FOR YOU, YURIAS.
YOU HAVE MY GRATI-TUDE.
I DO NOT WANT SOUVENIRS OR GRATITUDE!
I DESIRE ONLY THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORD...
I UNFAILINGLY SHALL.

Erminia... even if only for tonight, forget all that troubles you.
and somehow return safely
This, at least is within my power to do for you.

OF THIS.. IS LIKE A DREAM.
WHAT IS THE MATTER, FIONA ?

THE CITY OF PARO!
I and everything a dream
This life
Is not the carnival
dream
no meaning to anything that

UNCORK THE BARRELS!
AND DRAIN EVERY DROP OF WINE!
COME, COME, EAT UNTIL YOU CANNOT MOVE!
TONIGHT'S FOOD IS OF SUPREME QUALITY!
FIONA, LET US DRINK TO TONIGHT
YOUR MAJESTY ERMINIA...
SHH!
I... GO BY "ERIS" TONIGHT

YOUR MAJESTY... ERIS
HEY... WHERE DO YOU S'POSE THAT LADY HAILS FROM?
SUCH A LOVELY MAIDEN
OOH, THAT ONE WITH BLONDE HAIR.
TEE-HEE! YOU'RE EYEING HIM, TOO?
HE'S SO HAND-SOME.

Let us dance! Let us dance!
Tonight is the carnival of Pard
Let us grow drunk on passionate gazes!
Amidst twirling skirts and flowers

E- EXCUSE ME, M'LORD. WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE?
THE THREE OF US HAVE HAD OUR EYE ON YOU FOR A WHILE NOW.
YOU MUST DANCE, M'LORD!

CHILL
Glare
AHH!
OUT OF MY WAY!

BERRY WINE FOR FIONA...
AND HONEY WINE FOR ME.

AAH— NOW EXHAUSTED I FEEL
SO LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE MY LAST CHEERFUL RUCKUS.
ARE YOU HAVING FUN, FIONA?
EVERYTHING IS SO LIKE A DREAM.
...I WOULD BE SO HAPPY IF I COULD JUST DIE RIGHT NOW.
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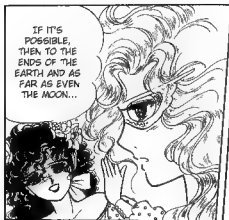
TO BE HONORED WITH DANCING IN YOUR ARMS, TO WEAR THIS GORGEOUS DRESS...
I WANT ONLY NOW TO SLIP INTO DEATH BEFORE WAKING.
FIONA ...
LIFE AFTER THIS WILL NOT BE ALL BAD
A TIME MAY EVEN COME WHEN WE CAN MEET AGAIN IN THIS WAY.

You say that because... you do not know the despair I felt when I was demoted to service in the kitchens...
BUT...
I hold out no hope of seeing you again..!
...I WANT TO DIE WHILE HAVING A PLEASANT DREAM.
FIONA!
YOU MUST NOT THINK THAT WAY.

THE DREAMS YOU SPEAK OF ARE NAUGHT BUT EPHEMERAL ILLUSIONS INSIDE OUR SLEEP.
ARE NONE OF YOUR DREAMS SUCH THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE LIVING SO YOU MIGHT REALIZE THEM?
I HAVE SUCH A DREAM.
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SHARE IT WITH YOU, FIONA.
YOUR MAJESTY ERMI-ERIS..
I— WANT TO GO ON A JOURNEY.

I WISH TO SEE AND KNOW OF ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD.
I WANT TO CIRCLE THE GLOBE AT LEAST ONCE.
DO YOU THINK ME SILLY, FIONA?
NO, WHY WOULD I THINK THAT
YOUR EYES SHINE AS YOU SPEAK, AS THOUGH IT WERE THE GRANDEST THING IN THE WORLD.
YES! I DO BELIEVE IT IS GRAND.
TO JOURNEY THE EARTH AND WITNESS ITS BREADTH AND THEN I WILL KNOW.
I AM ASKED TO BELIEVE THAT NOTHING BUT SMALL AND TRANSIENT THINGS EXIST.
THRONES AND MARRIAGES AND OTHER SUCH INSIGNIFICANT TRIVIALITIES.

YOU'LL GO FAR AWAY... AND MAKE DISCOVERIES..
IF IT'S POSSIBLE, THEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND AS FAR AS EVEN THE MOON...
YES, FIONA! YOU DO UNDERSTAND ME!
Y- YOUR MAJESTY ERIS!
F- FORGIVE ME. FORCE OF HABIT...

I AM SO HAPPY. YOU ARE THE ONE PERSON APART FROM YURIAS WHO HAS TAKEN MY DREAM SERIOUSLY...
SIR YURIAS
THAT MAN SEEMS TO LOVE YOU DEEPLY, YOUR MAJESTY ER-... ERIS.
YURIAS?
YES, HE AND I HAVE BEEN RAISED TOGETHER LIKE SIBLINGS.
ERIS— YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'LL NATURALLY BE GETTING MARRIED, WON'T YOU?
EVERYONE SAYS SO.
I SHALL DO NOTHING OF THE SORT.
DO YOU THINK IF I DESIRE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, THAT I WILL ANCHOR MYSELF WITH SUCH A BALL AND CHAIN?

BUT NEVER MIND THAT, FIONA. TELL ME INSTEAD YOUR DREAM.
YOU HAVE ONE, RIGHT? SOMETHING ..
...MY DREAM...
HAS ALREADY COME TRUE.
THE DREAM THAT KEPT ME GOING...
I COULD MEET MY PRINCE JUST ONCE MORE...
MEANING, YOU FOUND YOUR PRINCE?
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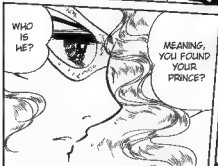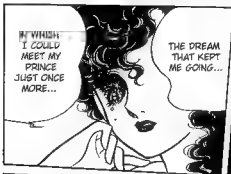
ME?
THERE IS NOTHING MORE THAT I DESIRE FROM THIS LIFE.
THAT IS WHY... I'VE SAID I'M READY TO DIE NOW
You see me as your prince? There is nothing more that you desire?
How sweet and pathetic you are!
Fiona...
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There is nothing more that you desire— you say?
Fiona...
You
see me as a prince.
Your prince!
FIONA!

WHO APPROACHES! STATE YOUR BUSINESS!
My darling, precious Fiona——!

YOU MUST EXCUSE ME.

ALTHOUGH, THIS IS A PUBLIC PLACE, AND I BELIEVE I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PASS THROUGH.

...ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE SOME BUSINESS.

MY BUSINESS IS WITH THE MAIDEN IN YOUR COMPANY.

YOU ARE MERELY IN THE WAY!

Is this insolent fool... of a mind to rouse my anger!?
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